HARU-SAMA, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY SWIMWEAR?
EH..? I-IT-IT REALLY SUITS YOU...
Ah..! Sorry, sorry!
Oh you, Haru-sama!! You really don't say anything like "cute" or "sexy," do youuu!?
Clearly, that's what they are.
I believe there is a term used long ago called "love birds," but-

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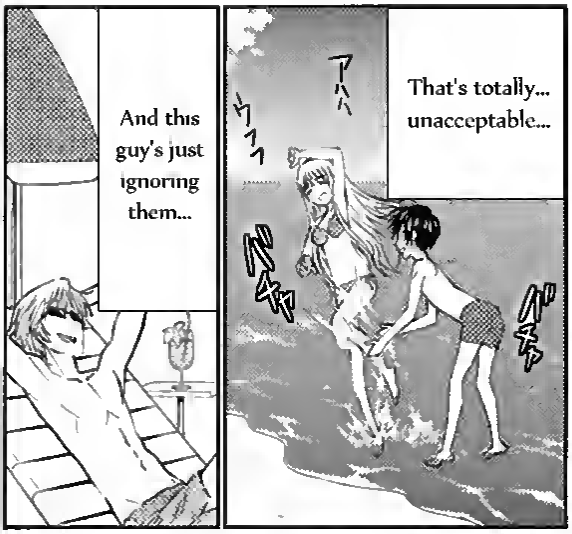
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING US HERE-
WELL... IT AIN'T BAD, RIGHT?
YOU TWO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS BEACH?
Haru-sama!! There are pretty shells here!!
IF YOU ASK A QUESTION, LISTEN UNTIL I'VE FINISH REPLYING!!

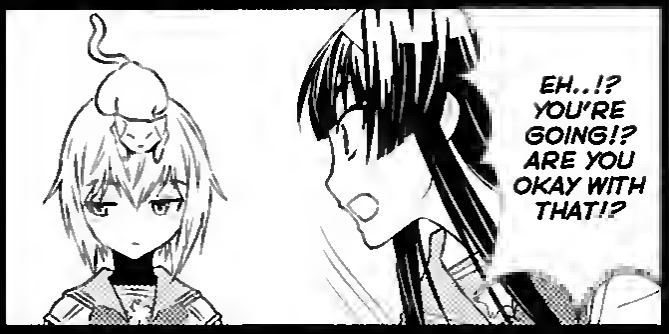
Ahhh...
I'm really glad we came here after all.
I think..?



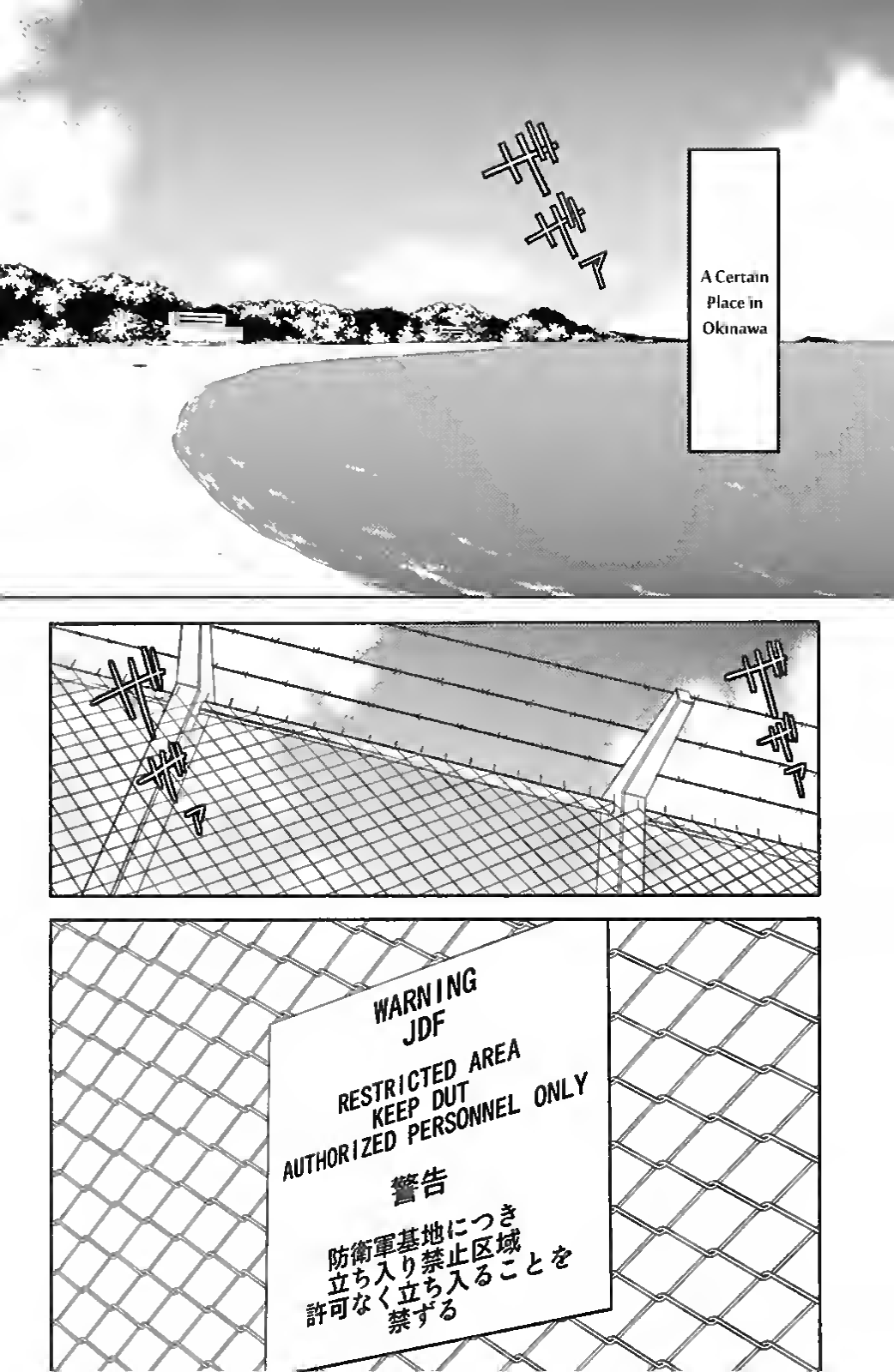
WOW, WOW! LET'S GO EVERYONE ..!!
YEAH! HOW ABOUT YOU ALL COME WITH ME?

SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN!?

I WILL GO.
HEY... SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN.
WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT...


EH..!? YOU'RE GOING!? ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT!?

EH..? IS SHIKISHIMA-SAN NOT FEELING WELL?
AHH... DON'T WORRY! WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT ME!
HIMESHIRO-SAN, HAVE YOU GONE SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN BEFORE?
NO, BUT...
EVEN THOUGH I WENT ALREADY WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I CAN SAY THAT IT'S FUN!!
WA-WAIT A SEC!
ANYWAY... SINCE IT'S STILL APRIL, WHICH OCEAN WOULD WE SWIM IN?
YEAH, YEAH. I'M GETTING TO THAT.
ORIGINALLY, I WAS ABOUT TO BRING YOU TO MY PRIVATE BEACH BUT...
BRINGING YOU THREE COUNTRY TREASURES ...
OUT OF THE COUNTRY IS, AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR ME.
THERE-FORE...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A Certain Place in Okinawa
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WARNING
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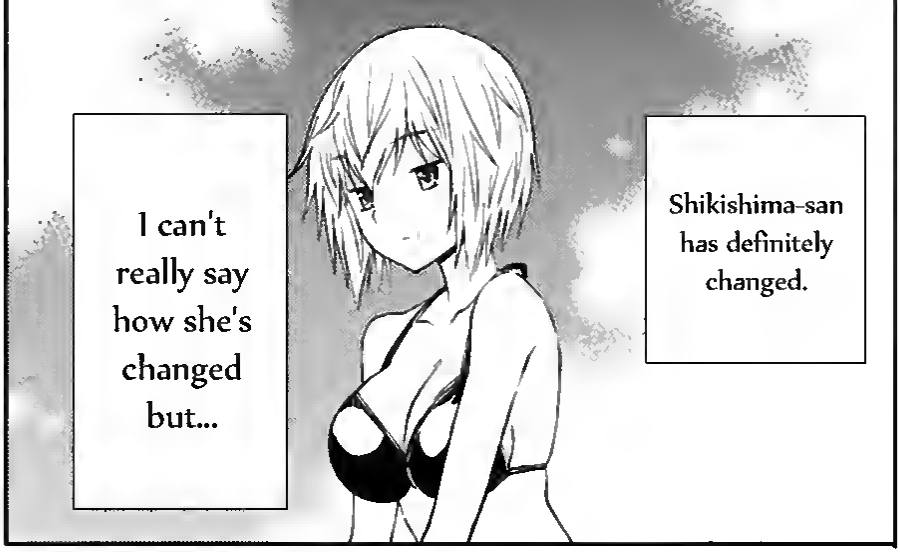
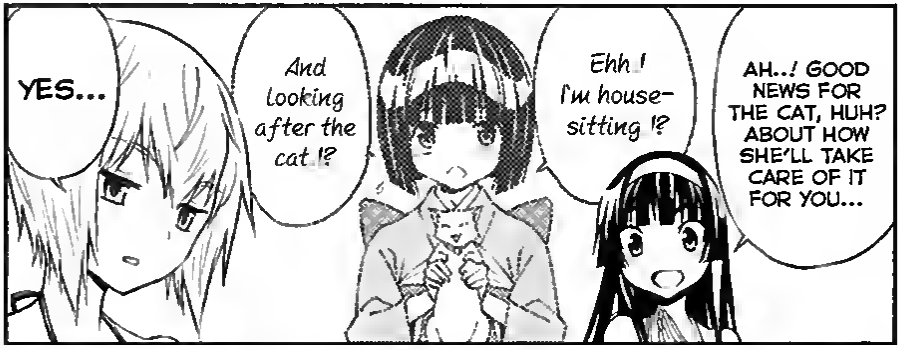
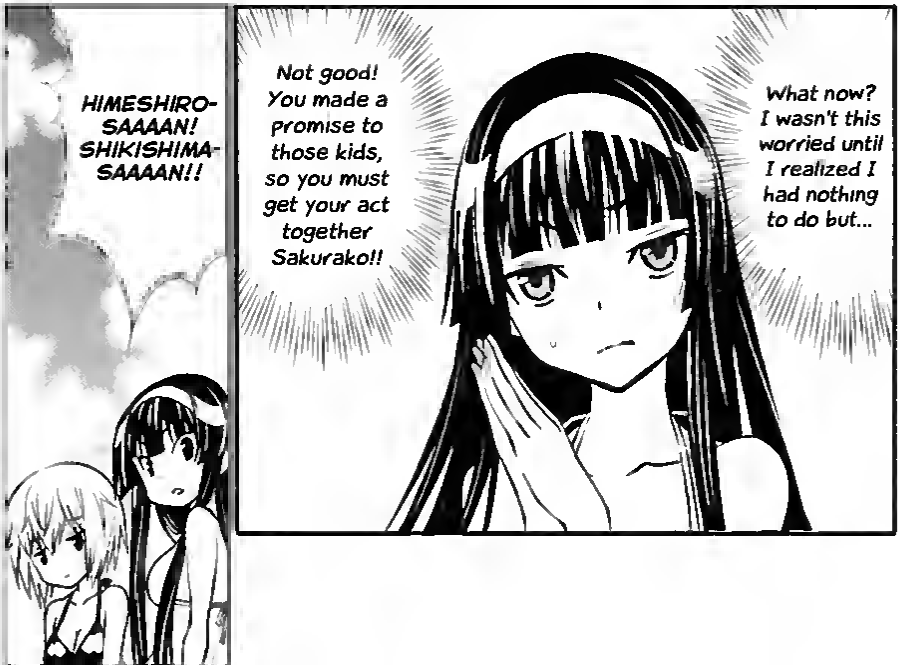
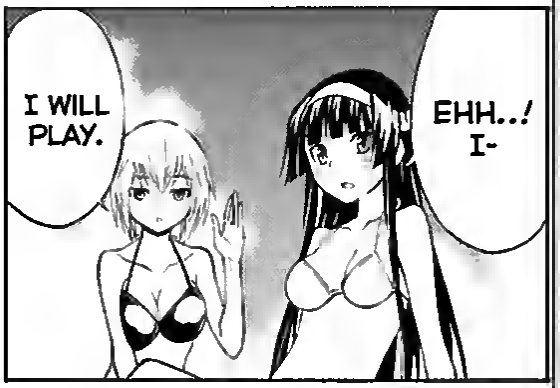
RESTRICTED AREA
KEEP DUT
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
警告
防衛軍基地につき
立ち入り禁止区域
許可なく立ち入ることを
禁ずる


I can't really say how she's changed but...
Shikishima-san has definitely changed.


YES...
And looking after the cat!?
Ehh! I'm house-sitting!?
AH..! GOOD NEWS FOR THE CAT, HUH? ABOUT HOW SHE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU...


HIMESHIRO-SAAAAN! SHIKISHIMA-SAAAAN!!
Not good! You made a promise to those kids, so you must get your act together Sakurako!!
What now? I wasn't this worried until I realized I had nothing to do but...

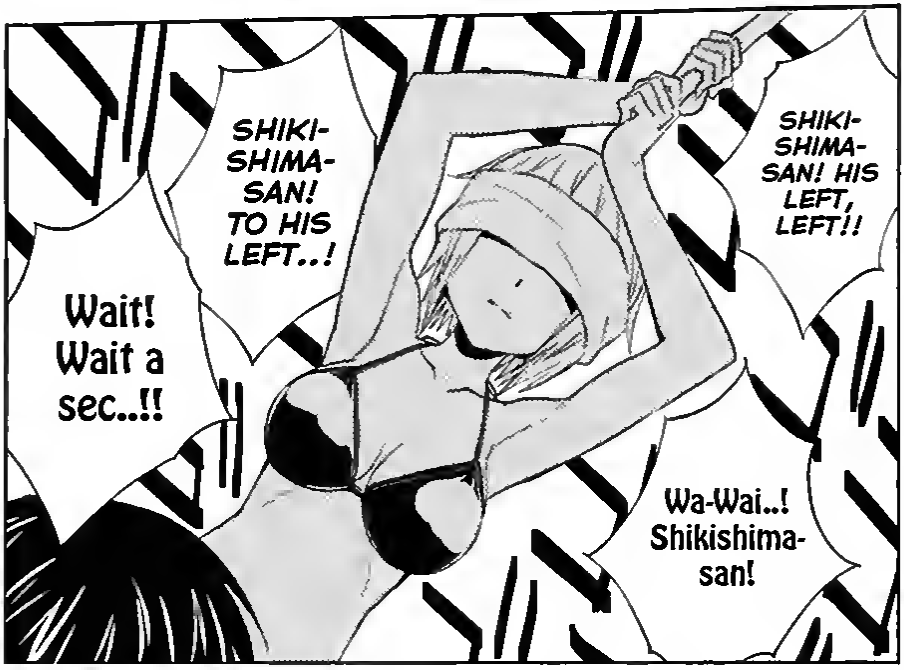
T/N: SUIKAWARI IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE GAME THAT INVOLVES SPLITTING A WATERMELON WITH A STICK WHILE BLINDFOLDED. (WIKIPEDIA)



FROM WHAT I RECALL ...
FIRST, ONE PERSON IS BURIED IN THE SAND.
KIND OF LIKE THIS?
IS THAT RIGHT?
Yeah, yeah!
I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THIS..!
YOU PUT THE WATER-MELON ON THAT SIDE,
AH..! I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE! I'M SURE THIS IS IT!
BUT OF COURSE!!
I HAVE SEEN THIS MANY TIMES BEFORE IN ANIME AND MANGA!
...WELL, WHAT COMES NEXT AGAIN?
ERRRM... I WAS CERTAIN...

THEN...
BLIND-FOLD...
Huh..?
Rock Paper Scissors!!
Yep, yep!
Huh? You're not going to spin?
WIELD A WOODEN SWORD AND HEAD ON OVER THERE!!
Wah..! She's fast..!?

Shikishima-san's full power..?
Could this be... perhaps...


SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN! TO HIS LEFT..!
SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN! HIS LEFT, LEFT!!
Wait! Wait a sec..!!
Wa-Wai..! Shikishima-san!

W-What'd you say-
A-Ah..! Too late!
Waa-ahh-

INCIDENT-ALLY, I PUT IN EAR-PLUGS TOO..!
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Ah-
EH? MAYBE SHE CAN'T HEAR US?

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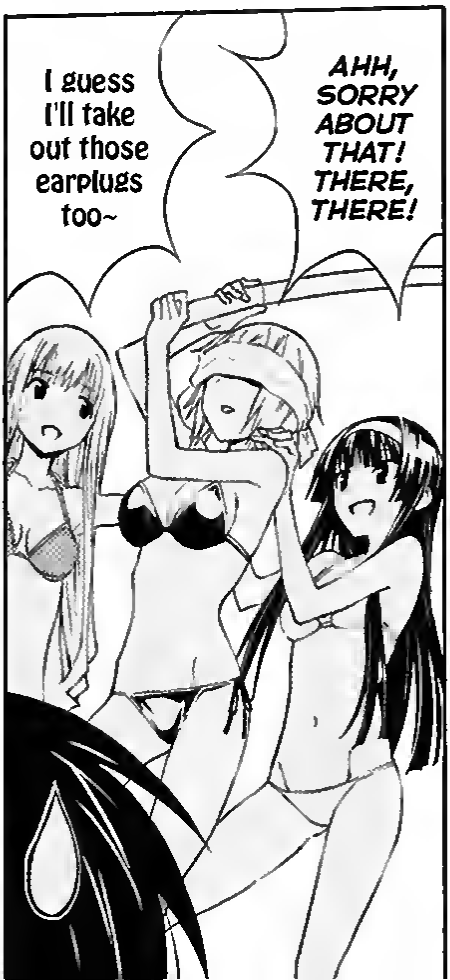
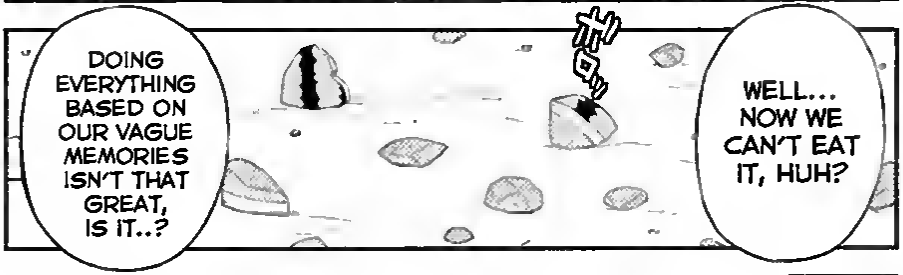
Ack-

Yeah, yeah! There, there!
ARE YOU OKAY, HARU-SAMA?

YEAH, I AM OKA-


I guess I'll take out those earplugs too~
AHH, SORRY ABOUT THAT! THERE, THERE!

Bwuh-


DOING EVERYTHING BASED ON OUR VAGUE MEMORIES ISN'T THAT GREAT, IS IT..?
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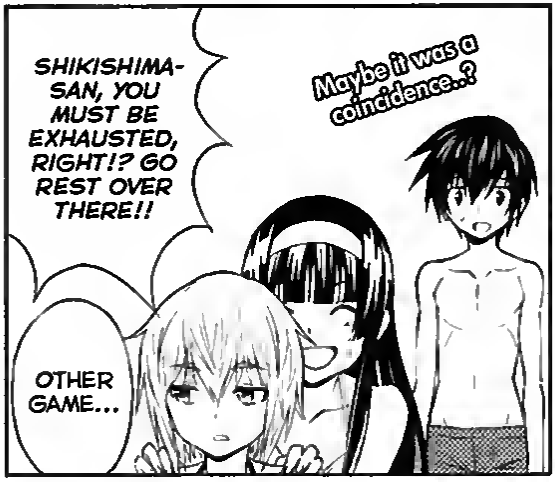
WELL... NOW WE CAN'T EAT IT, HUH?


SHIKISHIMA-SAN, YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED, RIGHT!? GO REST OVER THERE!!
Maybe it was a coincidence..?
OTHER GAME...

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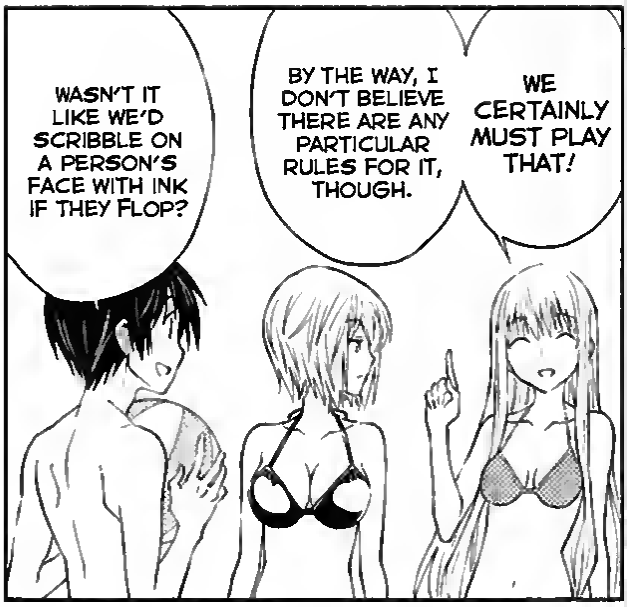
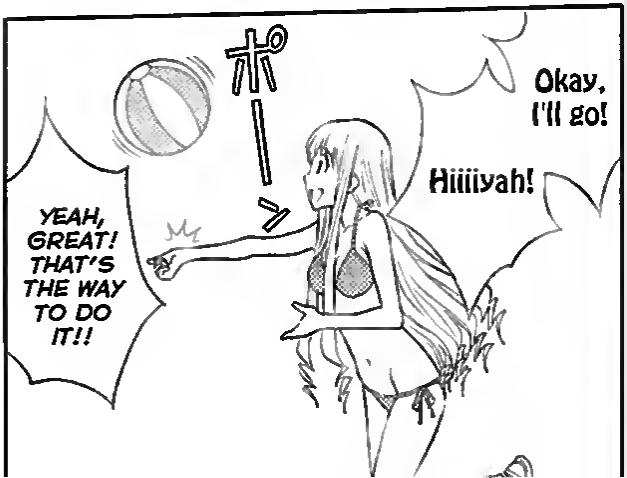
I'M GLAD SHIKISHIMA-SAN TOOK IT EASY!

EH..!?
I WANT TO TRY TO PLAY SOME OTHER GAMES TOO.


WASN'T IT LIKE WE'D SCRIBBLE ON A PERSON'S FACE WITH INK IF THEY FLOP?
BY THE WAY, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR RULES FOR IT, THOUGH.
WE CERTAINLY MUST PLAY THAT!

LE-LET'S STOP HERE!! IF WE KEEP ON PLAYING BASED ON OUR VAGUE MEMORIES-
YEAH, I'VE SEEN THAT SORT OF SCENE BEFORE TOO!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Okay, I'll go!
Hiiiiyah!
YEAH, GREAT! THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!!

OKAY THEN... HOW ABOUT VOLLEYBALL USING THIS BEACH BALL?

Eh?
Yeah, yeah! That's it!
Great moves!!
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HYAAH!
WAH..!!
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Huh?
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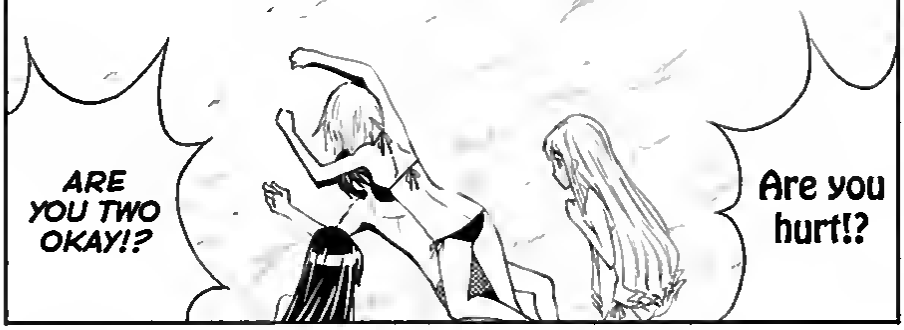
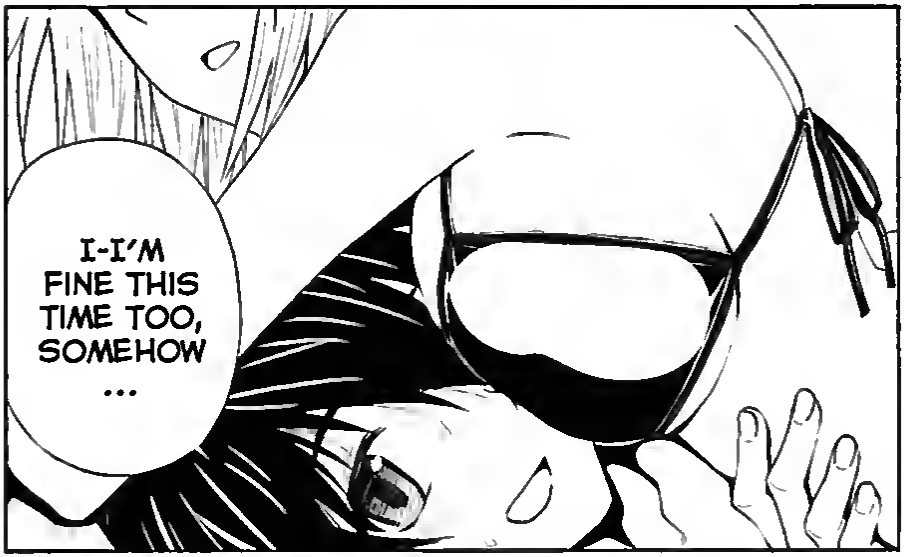
Wah ..!?


ARE YOU TWO OKAY!?
Are you hurt!?


I-I'M FINE THIS TIME TOO, SOMEHOW ...

HIME-SHIRO-SAN?
YOU REALLY SHOULD REST FOR A LITTLE, AFTER ALL!!
S-SORRY.

THOSE KIDS SAID THAT SEVERING YOUR "CONNECTION" WOULD MEAN YOUR BURDEN WOULD LESSEN BUT...
CONTRARY TO WHAT'S HAPPENED THUS FAR, I'M PROBABLY NOT YET ACCUSTOMED TO...
USING MY WHOLE MIND FOR JUST MY OWN SAKE.
FOLLOWING YOUR ADVICE, I WILL GO REST FOR A LITTLE...
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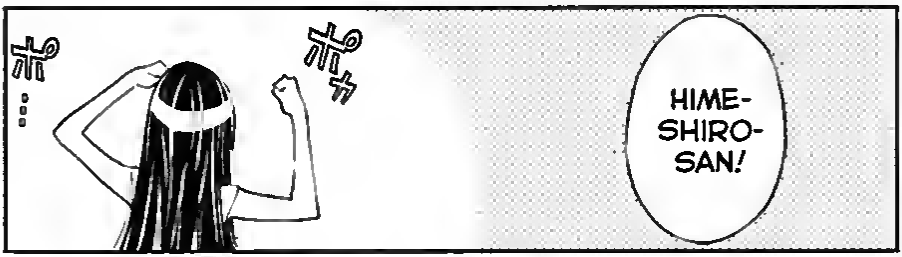
Ah-
TURNS OUT, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T OVERDO IT JUST YET!

Although I made a promise to those kids, I... can't do anything!
Ahh!! I'm such a block-head!


HIME-SHIRO-SAN!

HANA-SAKA.
IS SOMETHING UP WITH SHIKISHIMA-SAN?

We wish to liberate our Queen.
LIBERATE?
We've already told you before that our Queen bears a "connection..."
You're the one who called it "telepathy"!
with each of us Newgens.
She bestows upon us with the information on the means to survive.
Due to the burden of us everyday increasing Newgens
our Queen's heart and body are already reaching their limits.
Up until now, we've deceived people through adjustments, but even that has its limits.
Adjust-ments...

We severed our "connection" with our Queen.
Consequently, we put into effect our final measure not long ago.
At this rate, even maintaining our Queen's life will be dangerous.

Infants are alloted to everyone to do whatever.
We're still immature, but our numbers are great.
IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO DO THAT!? WHAT ABOUT THE BABIES THAT CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN NUMBERS!?

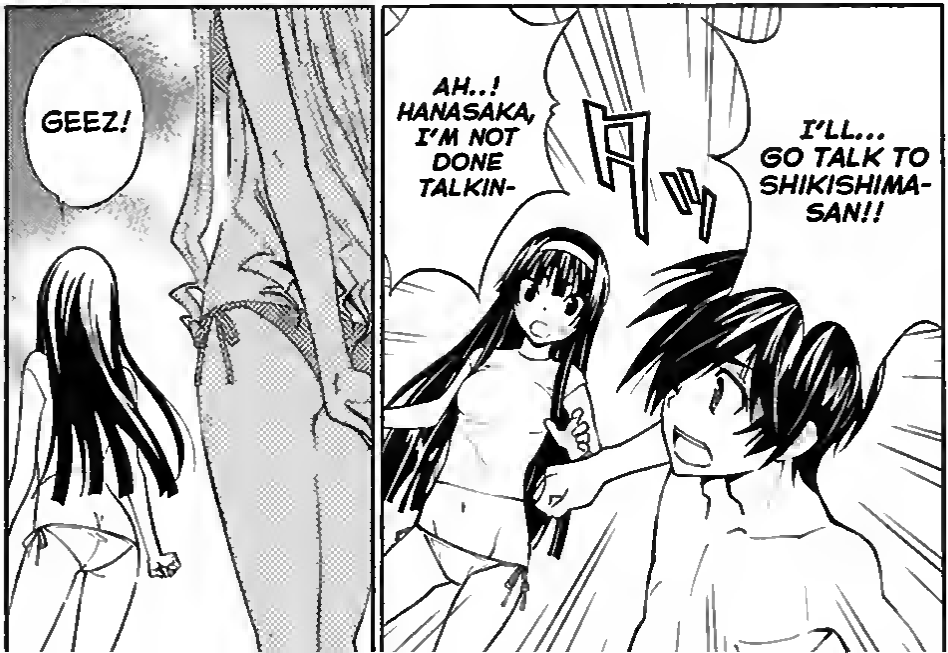
WHY ME?
It appears you're a special presence in our Queen's eyes.
Also...
Could I ask you to watch over our Queen in our stead for a short while?
That being said, we have a request but...

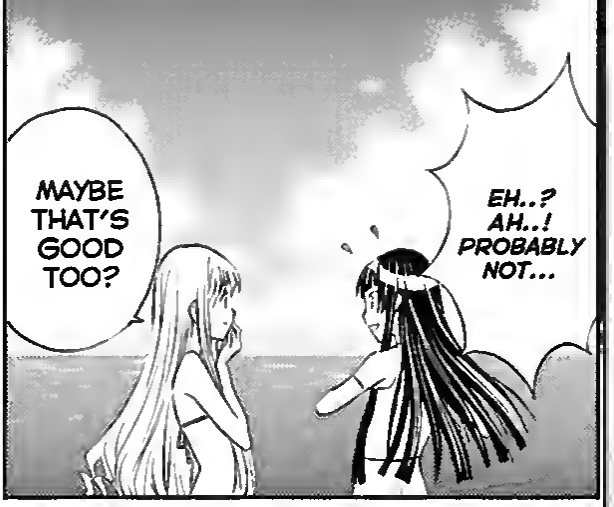
Anyway, will you heed our request? Or not?
Also, you seem dependable for an Oldgen.
I UNDERSTAND. I PROMISE YOU.
LEAVE SHIKISHIMA-SAN TO ME.
That's a relief. We shall depart then
Well then, I'll leave her in your care, Sakurako!
YOU WON'T GO MEET SHIKISHIMA-SAN?
If you're talking 'bout farewells, they've already been said.

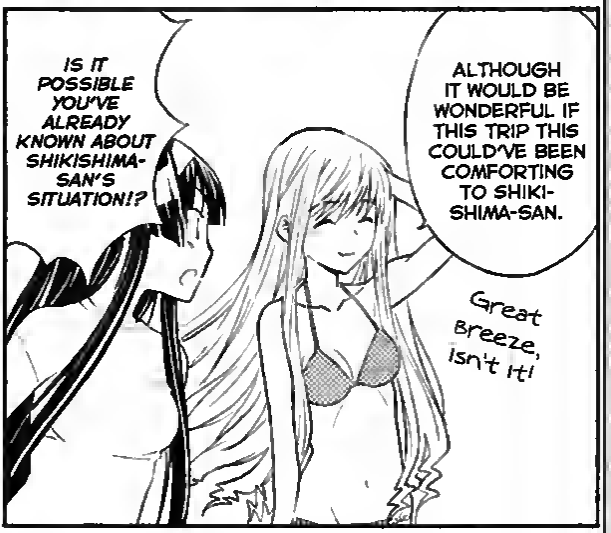
In the past, I was rescued by Shikishima-san but now...
SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN?

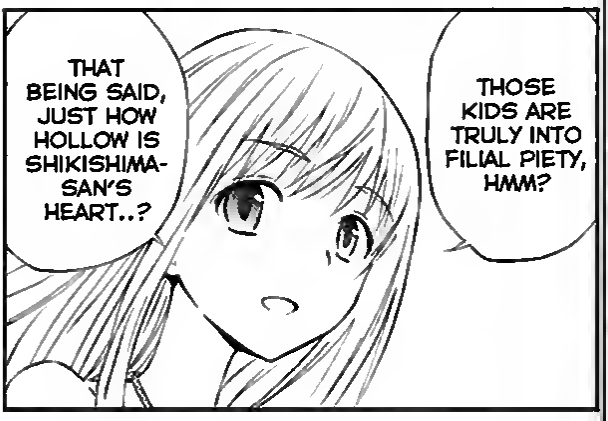
EVEN THOUGH SHIKISHIMA-SAN'S SOME-ONE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING!!?
YOU'VE NEVER EVEN REALIZED SHIKISHIMA-SAN'S ABNORMAL-ITY!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SOMEONE IMPORTANT!?
IN ANY CASE, HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED YOU'RE ALWAYS MAKING DUT WITH THAT KID, CDLETTE!!?
WHAT THE HECK!? ARE YOU BLAMING ME!?

NO, NOT AT ALL!
I SAID A BIT TOO MUCH!
AH..! SORRY!
AND HIMESHIRO-SAN NOT TELLING ME ABOUT IT FEELS VERY WRONG TO ME!
NOT REALIZING... EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER,

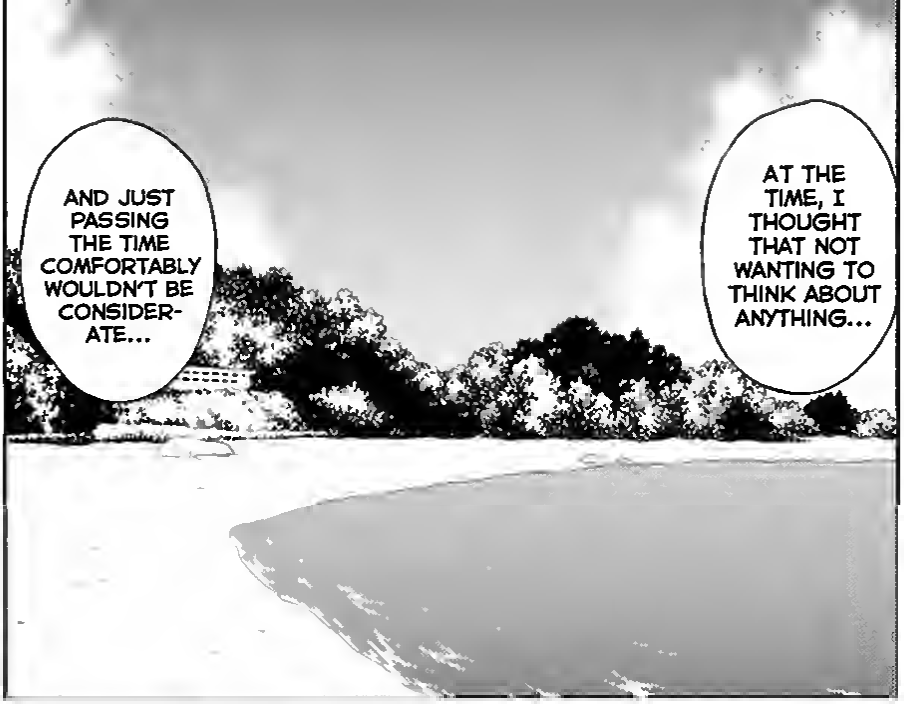

GEEZ!
AH..! HANASAKA, I'M NOT DONE TALKIN-
I'LL... GO TALK TO SHIKISHIMA-SAN!!


MAYBE THAT'S GOOD TOO?
EH..? AH..! PROBABLY NOT...

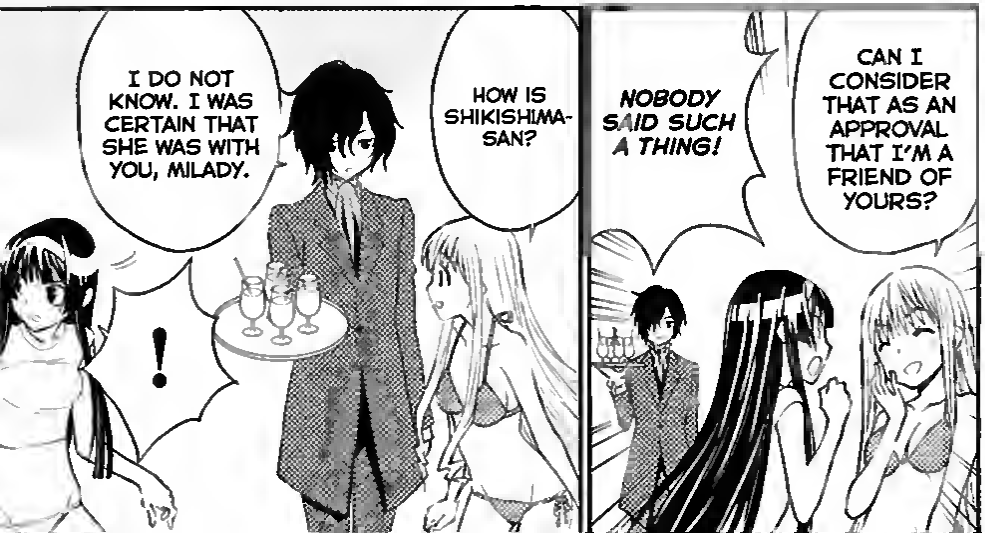

IS IT POSSIBLE YOU'VE ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT SHIKISHIMA-SAN'S SITUATION!?
ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF THIS TRIP THIS COULD'VE BEEN COMFORTING TO SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN.
Great Breeze, isn't it!


THAT BEING SAID, JUST HOW HOLLOW IS SHIKISHIMA-SAN'S HEART..?
THOSE KIDS ARE TRULY INTO FILIAL PIETY, HMM?

SHIKISHIMA-SAN'S PROBABLY HAD A NICE CHANGE OF PACE...


AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT THAT NOT WANTING TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING...
AND JUST PASSING THE TIME COMFORTABLY WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERATE...

I DON'T LIKE YOU BUT...
I OUGHT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS SITUATION.


CAN I CONSIDER THAT AS AN APPROVAL THAT I'M A FRIEND OF YOURS?
NOBODY SAID SUCH A THING!
HOW IS SHIKISHIMA-SAN?
I DO NOT KNOW. I WAS CERTAIN THAT SHE WAS WITH YOU, MILADY.
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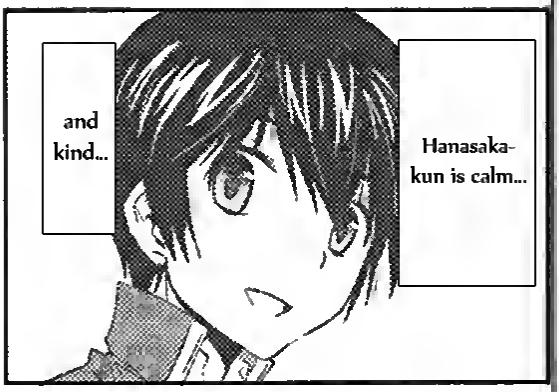
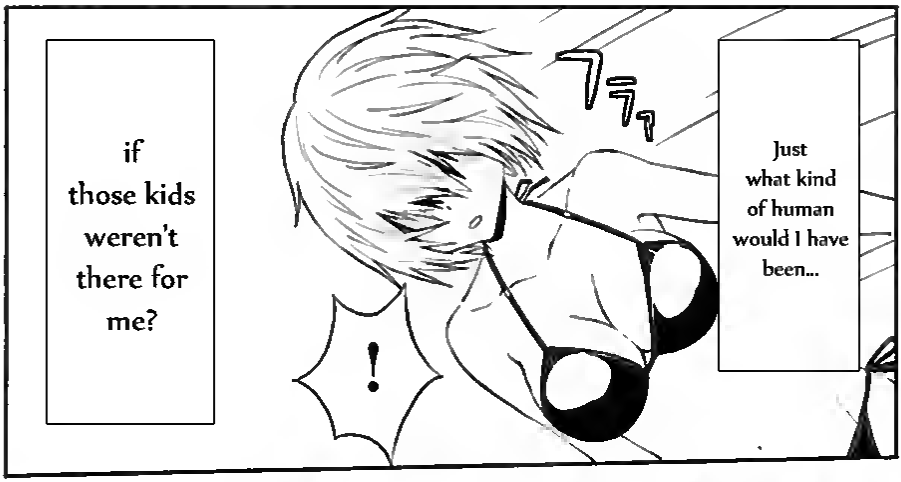
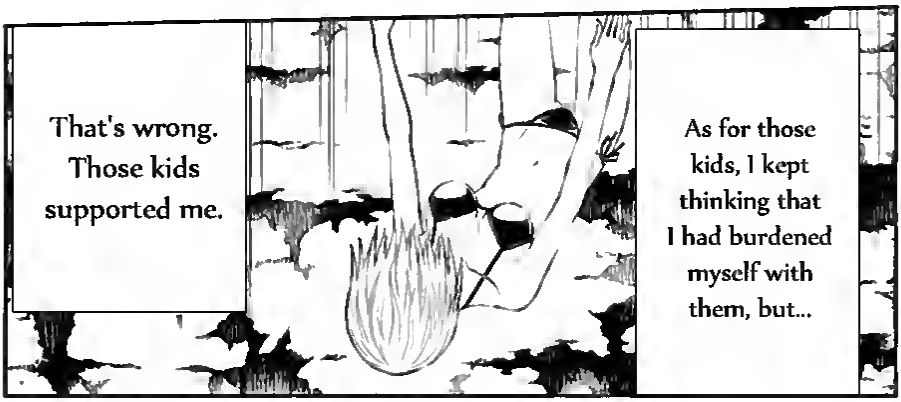

and kind...
Hanasaka-kun is calm...

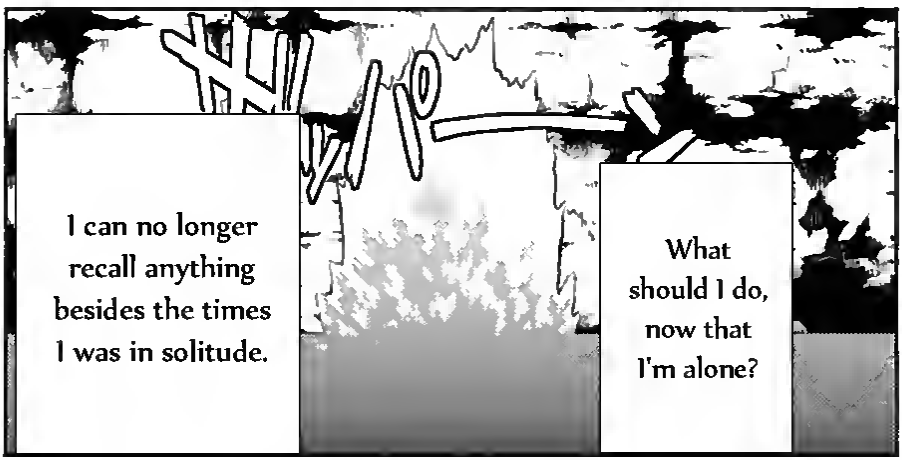
but kind.
Himeshiro-san is stubborn...

And that person-

I don't really get her.

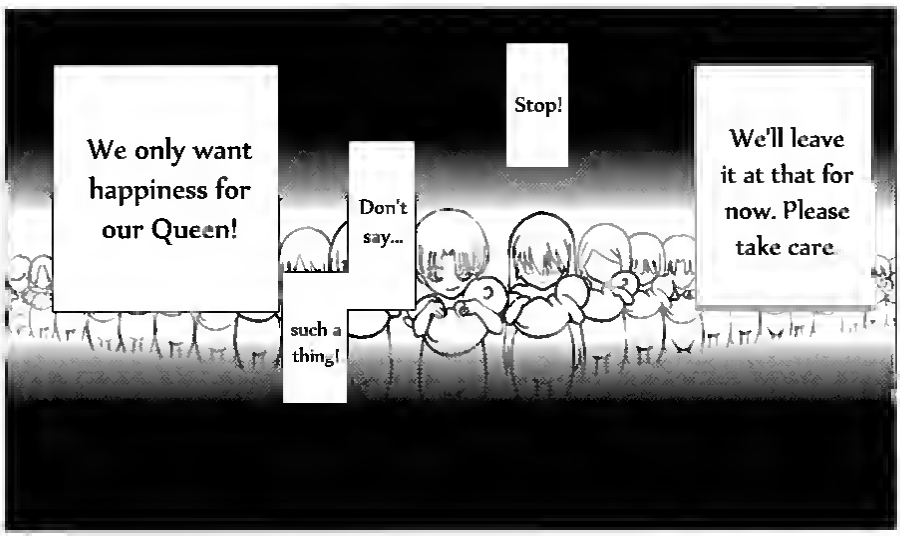

if those kids weren't there for me?
Just what kind of human would I have been...


That's wrong. Those kids supported me.
As for those kids, I kept thinking that I had burdened myself with them, but...


I can no longer recall anything besides the times I was in solitude.
What should I do, now that I'm alone?

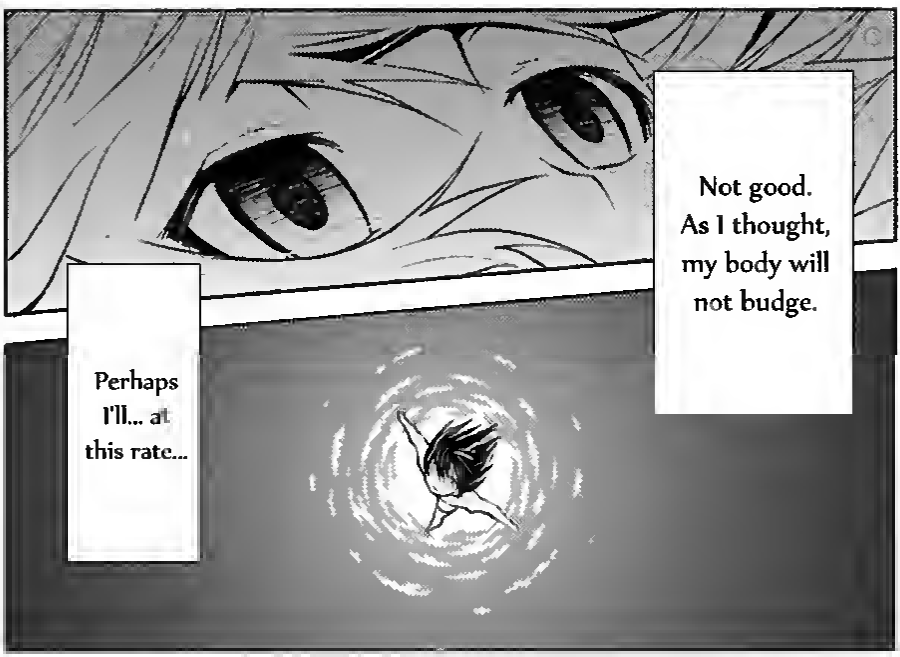
No! You mustn't do that! You kids are still immature...
Please let us help you too... somehow!

However, all of us intend to overcome our loneliness. Therefore...
It's scary since we're sure it'll be painful for our "connection" to our Queen to be severed.


We only want happiness for our Queen!
Don't say...
such a thing!
Stop!
We'll leave it at that for now. Please take care

The one who is lonely...
is me!
You're mistaken!
Everyone!

be alone!
I just don't want to...

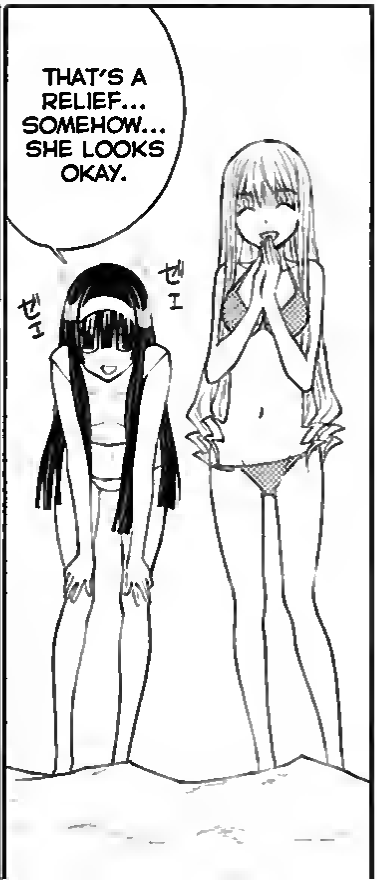

Not good. As I thought, my body will not budge.
Perhaps I'll... at this rate...

What am I like,
now that I'm alone?
SHIKISHIMA-SAN, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN!!
I'm losing consciousness...

!
WHAT A RELIEF! YOU'RE AWAKE!
HANA-SAKA-KUN.

SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN...
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S WRONG, SHIKISHIMA-SAN?

CPR, HUH..?


THAT'S A RELIEF... SOMEHOW... SHE LOOKS OKAY.
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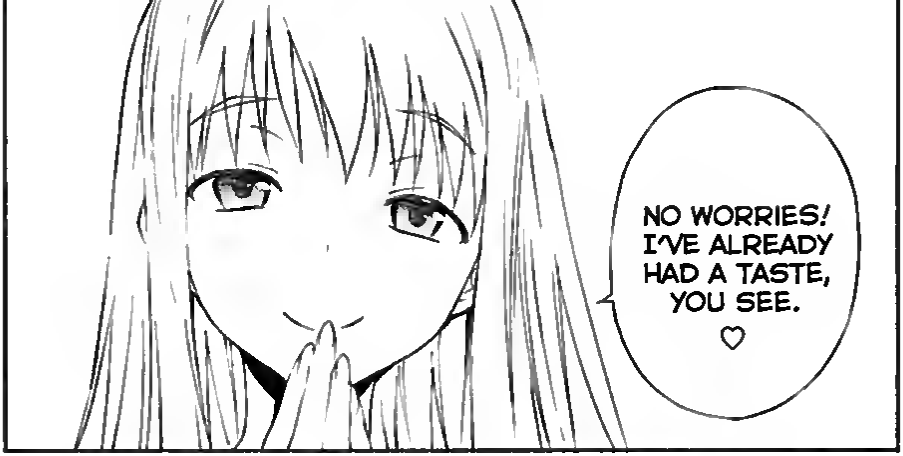
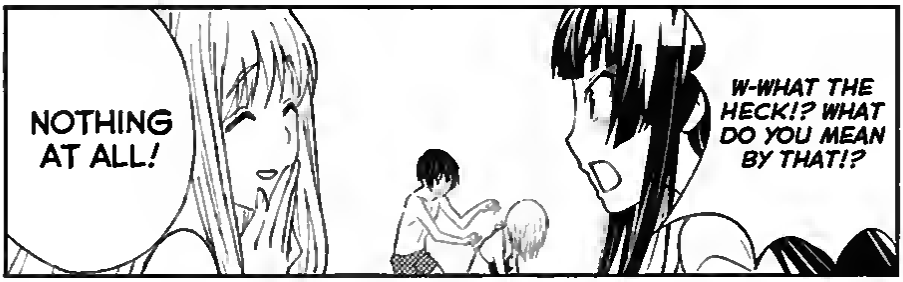
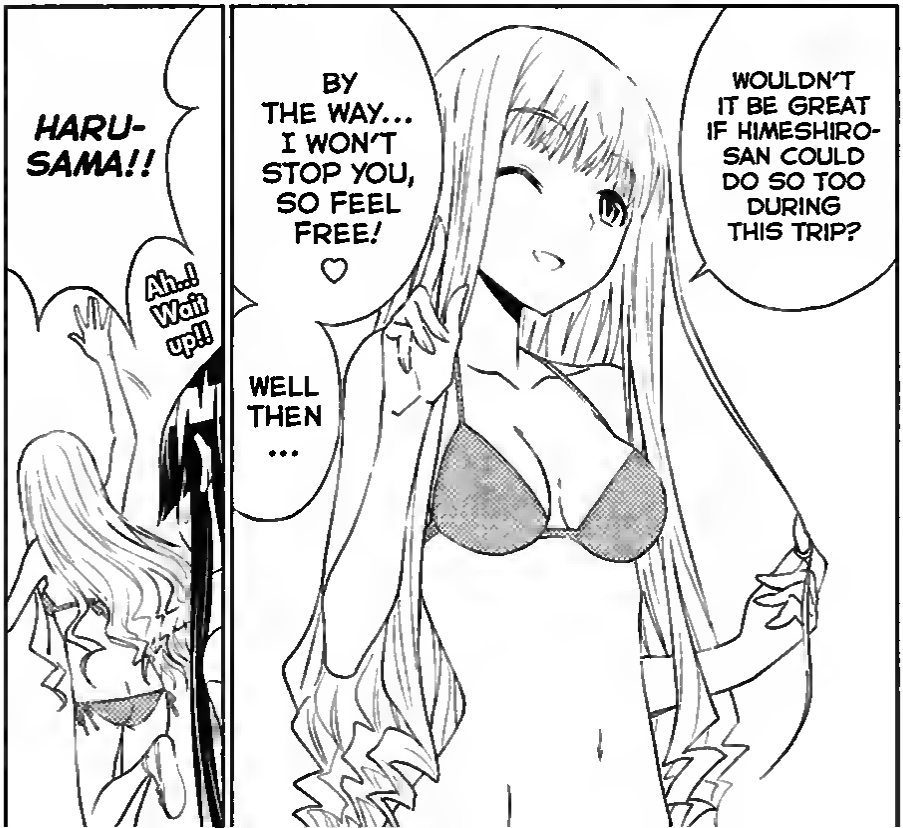
YOU MUSTN'T CONSIDER DROWNING YOURSELF TOO!
W-WHO WOULD EVER!!? I SHOULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU!


NO WORRIES! I'VE ALREADY HAD A TASTE, YOU SEE. ♡


NOTHING AT ALL!
W-WHAT THE HECK!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?


HARU-SAMA!!
Ah..! Wait up!!
BY THE WAY... I WON'T STOP YOU, SO FEEL FREE! ♡
WELL THEN ...
WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF HIMESHIRO-SAN COULD DO SO TOO DURING THIS TRIP?

is me ..!?
Is it possible that the only one who hasn't kissed Hanasaka yet...
ミュキ ミュキ
ミュキ ミュキ
Just me...
Kissing ...
Hana-saka...
Kissing ...

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“最後の世代”ほどでは
ないにせよ、彼女の青春時代も
寂しいものでした。
だから桜子たちの
楽しそうな姿を見ると、
嫉妬してしまうのかも
しれません。

セリシール・ハナミズキ・コレット

超お嬢様。
色々知っているようでそうでもなく、
何か企んでいるようで実は天然だったり…。
意外に一本気で漢気のある人かもしれません。

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